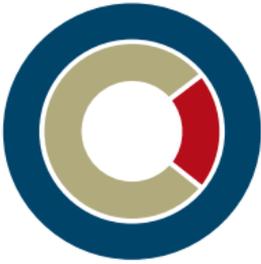


Family Law Fees Made Simple



MJ O'Connor Solicitors

At MJ O'Connor Solicitors we understand that the breakdown of a marriage is not just an emotional trauma but can also be an enormous financial burden. We aim to provide clear, honest advice from knowledgeable family lawyers at reasonable fees. We work not only to make fees affordable, but also to structure the payment of those fees so that they don't overwhelm our clients.

We recognise that it is difficult to keep up with normal living expenses, let alone trying to bear the costs of hiring a Solicitor and we have taken steps to address these difficulties;

We believe that legal fees should be reasonable

We offer our Family Law Services at a flat fee. In other words you will not be billed on a per hour basis or individually for each phone call, letter, email or visit made to our office. Instead, there is a once off flat fee charged to handle the formalisation of your marriage breakdown, whether through Separation Agreement, Judicial Separation or Divorce. The flat fee will apply whether the matter is resolved via settlement or proceeds all the way through to hearing before a Judge.

The flat fee option is available to any client, no matter how complex the issues involved. This is not a cut price option offering a cut price service - all aspects of our Family Law Services are available to ensure the best possible outcome for you. Our priority is to make sure that every aspect of your case is addressed with care and empathy. We strongly believe in prompt service, returning your phone calls in a timely matter and answering your questions using thorough research. We will always aggressively negotiate and litigate on your behalf, keeping the focus at all times on your goals as we reach a solution.

We believe that payment plans should be readily available

If you wish to pay your legal fee through a payment plan, that can be arranged. You will be expected to make an initial deposit and thereafter to discharge the balance by regular agreed amounts. Payment plans are not subject to interest.

Generally speaking we would expect the entire of the fee to be discharged at least one month before your case is finalised.

Periodically, usually every six weeks, our Accounts Department will write to remind you about unpaid fees. If you're having a difficult month financially and simply can't afford to pay that month, we can in certain circumstances, delay receipt of payment.

We guarantee that your case will never be delayed or handled differently because you have availed of a payment plan and/ or because at the date of finalisation that you still owe legal fees. Your case will be handled independent of the fee and you will get the best legal representation the firm can provide.

The Section 68 Letter

All Solicitors enter into a form of contract, formally called a Section 68 letter, prior to being engaged by a client to act on their behalf. Stated simply this letter describes the legal services to be provided to you, sets out the cost of those services and incorporates an agreement by you to pay your fees, in the manner which has been agreed between us. For clients who intend to avail of a payment plan it will also outlines the date by which all fees must be paid.

What if I don't pay / What if I can't pay?

Failure to pay legal fees may result in termination in accordance to the terms of our S68 Letter. As your failure to pay may not be your fault you can be assured that in such circumstances we will always do our best to protect your legal rights.

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